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Oxford, Mass.
Dec. 15. 1896.

My Dear Father and Mother.

I received your note and letter this (Tuesday Morning). In reply to the former the foregoing statement.

I leave for home Tuesday afternoon on the 5.56 train - going through Memphis and reaching home Wednesday afternoon on the South train.

I owe no board. Having paid up to the first of the new year when I received your last remittance. The only bills I owe are \$3.00 for washing and \$2.00 for some toilet and room necessaries.

There were incurred after my room was used as a bank by some inquisitive scoundrel and drawn upon to the extent of one of my

emerald-scarf: furs. some neck-ties and five or six dollars in cash.

My cousin, who ~~will~~ intended to spend X-mas with me will not be able to come as he will have some extra work to do during the holidays.

Is my gun in shooting order? I was talking to Mr. Buller and the other day and he says there is lots of hunting going on around the country. Plenty of ducks, geese and even some deer. Have you obeyed my injunction and kept people out of our woods? Because if there are any or were any deer in there, they should have been reserved for our own private use.

I went to Holly Springs last Saturday and our team was most gloriously snowed under. 16- to -6 in favor of St. Thomas Hall.

I am thankful to say that the defect was not on account of any of my bad flying for I adorned the "side-lines" and took no active part in the game.

The money I will need to come home will be for rail-road fare - one night's hotel fare and some spare change for necessities.

I would like to get some cartridges in Memphis as they can be purchased for half or two-thirds, there, what they would cost in Polaris.

I suppose you have heard that the Sutherlands ~~were~~ going to move to Oxford before long. Doctor S. has purchased a house near the Rail-road-bridge.

Does he intend living up here himself or will he still practice in the "swamp".

Well only one week more and then home, hunting and happiness for ten days.



The birds, ducks wild-geese, tigers, elephants
and various other insects I will kill!

Perey was groaning the other day
because he could not hunt any during the
twelve days of fifty times.

Well. it is nearly gymnastic
hours and I must stop.

From your loving son

James G. Thompson.



Mrs. J. E. Edmonds,
Bolivar.
Miss.